

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:

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Entitled: CASSETTE AND APPLICATOR FOR
BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION



Group Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: M. Hindenburg

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Office of Petitions
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Crystal Plaza, Bldg. 4, Room 3C23
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned continued prosecution application as set forth below.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims and add the new claims as follows:

15. (Amended) An apparatus for collecting a biological sample from a subject for subsequent transfer to [a CD or DVD] an analyzer disk, said apparatus comprising:

(a) a cassette [comprising] having walls which define a cavity for receiving said biological sample, said cassette being adapted to engage said [CD or DVD] analyzer disk;

(b) an inlet for transferring said biological sample from the subject into said cavity;
and

(c) an outlet for transferring said biological sample from said cavity to said [CD or DVD] analyzer disk when said cassette is engaged with said [CD or DVD] analyzer disk.

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